



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6259

House of Representatives, May 5, 2011

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FEE WAIVER FOR BLIND VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-1h of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) Any person who does not possess a valid motor vehicle
5 operator's license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for
6 an identity card. The application for an identity card shall be
7 accompanied by the birth certificate of the applicant or a certificate of
8 identification of the applicant issued and authorized for such use by
9 the Department of Correction. Such application shall include: (1) The
10 applicant's name; (2) the applicant's address; (3) whether the address is
11 permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's date of birth; (5) notice to
12 the applicant that false statements on such application are punishable
13 under section 53a-157b; and (6) such other pertinent information as the
14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles deems necessary. A fee of twenty-

15 two dollars and fifty cents shall be paid to the department upon
 16 issuance to the applicant of an identity card which contains a picture of
 17 the applicant and specifies the applicant's height, sex and eye color.
 18 The applicant shall sign the application in the presence of an official of
 19 the department. The commissioner may waive the fee for any
 20 applicant (A) who has voluntarily surrendered such applicant's motor
 21 vehicle operator's license, [or] (B) whose license has been refused by
 22 the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of
 23 section 14-36, [. The commissioner may waive the fee for any
 24 applicant] (C) who is both a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of
 25 section 27-103, and blind, as defined in subsection (a) of section 1-1f, or
 26 (D) who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for
 27 homeless persons. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
 28 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the
 29 procedure and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to any
 30 such homeless applicant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2011	1-1h(a)
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Loss	Less than \$1,000	Less than \$1,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is a minimal revenue loss of less than \$1,000 per year to the Special Transportation Fund as a result of providing non-driver identification cards at no charge to blind veterans who do not hold a driver's license. Under current law any holder of a driver's license who has a medical issue which prohibits continued operation of a vehicle may apply for a non-driver identification card at no charge.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6259*****AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FEE
WAIVER FOR BLIND VETERANS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles commissioner to waive the \$22.50 state identification card fee for any applicant who is a blind veteran. For eligibility purposes:

1. a "veteran" is an individual honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active service in the U.S. armed forces (CGS § 27-103) and
2. someone is considered blind if his or her central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if it is better than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in his or her fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle of no more than 20 degrees (CGS § 1-1f).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 7 Nay 0 (02/15/2011)

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 49 Nay 0 (04/25/2011)